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SUBJ: SYRIAN MEDIA BITTERLY ATTACKS US OVER ISRAEL'S USE OF
CBU'S AND OF US-SUPPLIED WEAPONRY

1. ALONG WITH FRONT-PAGE PICTURES OF TYPE OF ISRAELI
MONITORING EQUIPMENT WHICH THROUGH EMPLOYMENT OF BOBYTRAPS
TOOK LIVES OF TWELVE SYRIANS RECENTLY, AL-THAWAR PUBLISHED AN
EDITORIAL DENOUNCING US FOR SUPPLYING ISRAEL WITH SUCH DEVICES.
WRITER CLAIMS THAT THE MONITORING EQUIPMENT WAS DRIVEN BY
HIGHLY RADIOACTIVE POWER SOURCE "THE USE OF WHICH IS INTERNATIONALLY
BANNED." HE ALSO POINTS OUT THAT CLUSTER BOMBS WERE USED
AGAINST CIVILIAN CONCENTRATIONS IN LEBANON. HEW ASSERTS THAT
IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO ENUMERATE MANY SIMILAR EXAMPLES OF
ISRAELI USE OF "INTERNATIONALLY BANNED WEAPONS AGAINST THE
ARABS."

2. WRITER CHARGES WASHINGTON "WITH NOT DOING THE SLIGHTEST
THING AGAINST ZIONIST VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL RULES AND
NORMS." HE REMINDS READERS THAT US CUT ARMS TO TURKEY WHEN
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THEY WERE MUSUSED BUT SAYS THE US FAILURE TO TAKE ANY MEASURES
AGAINST ISRAEL'S ACKNOWLEDGED VIOLATIONS DEMONSTRATES THAT
THE US DOES NOT ACT OUT OF PRINCIPLE BUT ON THE BASIS OF
EXPEDIENCY IN DECIDING SUCH MATTERS. INSTEAD, HE NOTES, THE
US CONTINUES TO ARM ISRAEL IN SUCH A MANNER THAT "EVEN
SADAT CANNOT HIDE THE UGLY AMERICAN FACE AND ITS DIRECT
CONTRIBUTIONS TO CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST THE ARAB NATIONS."

3. HE CONCLUDES BY CALLING UPON THE ARABS "TO WAKE UP TO
WHAT HAS ESCAPED THEM" (I.E. THAT THE US REMAINS FIRST AND
FORMOST ISRAEL'S PATRON).
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